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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS

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- 1. REF C WAS GENERATED BY THE RETURN OF A RECENT VISITOR FROM KABUL WHO WAS CONCERNED BY THE INCREASE IN OPIUM CULTIVATION SINCE HIS LAST VISIT. ON RETURN, HE RECOMMENDED RAISING THE MATTER AT AS HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. WE THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE TO KEEP THE MATTER WITHIN STATE CHANNELS AND MADE THE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REF C.
- 2. REF B BEARS NO RELATION TO REF C AND THE TIMING OF ITS TRANSMITTAL WAS COINCIDENTAL. S/NM HAD BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS AND SENT A SIMILAR CHECKLIST TO ALL NARCOTIC SOURCE COUNTRIES. WE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROCONFIDENTIAL

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JECT WITH THEM SOME MONTHS AGO BUT WERE NOT CONSULTED ON THE FINAL PRODUCT AS IT WENT OUT. I THINK YOU CAN BE REASONABLY FLEXIBLE ON THE TIMING OF YOUR RESPONSE.

3. I APPRECIATE THE VIEWS YOU EXPRESSED IN REF A. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD HAVE THEM IN SOMEWHAT EXPANDED FORM IN A GENERAL DISTRIBUTION TELEGRAM. AS YOU ARE AWARE,

THERE IS HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT AND WE MAY NEED TO SEND A LETTER UNLESS YOU CAN COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY WHICH CAN BE SOLD TO THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY. THEY SEE A MAJOR CROP INCREASE DESPITE ALL PREVIOUS APPROACHES. THE QUESTION, THEREFORE, AS SEEM FROM HERE, IS NOT WHETHER WE DO SOMETHING NOW BUT WHAT WILL CONVINCE THE AFGHANS THAT WE ARE SERIOUS. CHRISTOPHER

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